AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Please add new claims 17-20.

1.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> method of efficiently provisioning application services for a plurality of diverse applications <u>executed at a data center</u>, <u>the method</u> comprising:

        creating an organization entity within [[a]] <u>the</u> data center;

        creating an organization unit for the organization entity;

        associating a group identification number with the organization entity;

        <u>creating user permission information for application services for the organization entity;</u> and

        propagating at least one of the organization unit<u>,</u> [[and]] the group identification number<u>, and the permission information</u> to at least one application server within the data center.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

        collecting information about the organization entity; and

        storing the collected information in an administrative database.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

        associating a suffix with the organization entity; and

        verifying the uniqueness of the suffix within the data center.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 3, further comprising:

        storing in administrative database the suffix, the organization unit and the group identification number.

5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

        storing permission information for application services in association with the organization entity in an administrative database.

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6. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the permission information includes information identifying services and at least one server for providing the application services.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the application services include rendering a published application.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the application services include rendering a custom application.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:
    storing permission information for data associated with the organization entity in the
        administrative database.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the diverse applications include Windows applications and Unix applications.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the propagating is performed based on an active directory.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the propagating is performed based on multi-master architecture.

13. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:
    adding a user to the organization entity;
    associating a user identification with the user; and
    propagating the user identification in association with at least one of the organization
        unit and the group identification number to at least one application server
        within the data center.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising:
    storing the user identification in the administration database.

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15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

storing permission information for application services in association with the user identification in an administrative database.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~An architecture for application service provision~~ A computer-implemented system for efficiently provisioning application services for a plurality of diverse applications executed at a data center, the system comprising:

an application server array for providing applications to remote clients;

a brokering array for translating output from at least some of the applications to a communication protocol;

a database for storing administrative data and application data;

an administrative array coupled to the database, the administration array receiving organization information, storing the information into the administration database and propagating the organization information to the application server array; and

a redundant switching array for linking the database and the arrays with each other and a communication network for delivering application service to the remote clients.

17. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the administrative array is further adapted to:

add a user to an organization entity,

associate a user identification with the user, and

propagate the user identification in association with at least one of the organization unit and the group identification number to at least one application server within the data center.

18. (New) The system according to claim 1, wherein the administrative array is further adapted to:

associate a suffix with the organization entity, and

verify the uniqueness of the suffix within the data center.

19. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein the administrative array is further adapted to:

        store in administrative database the suffix, the organization unit and the group identification number.

20. (New) The system according to claim 16, wherein the administrative array is further adapted to:

        store permission information for application services in association with the organization entity in an administrative database.